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INTRODUCTION TO SECOND EDITION.

THE favorable reception of this simple outline of knowledge about, and of, the Bible, and of the Catechism of the Church, and the request of Rev. E. A. Schell, General Secretary of the League work, that an edition be published for the use of the Junior Leagues of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have led to this new issue. The suggestions in the first introduction are important for the use of parents and teachers who direct or aid in the study. Our Junior Leagues find their force first in leading to habits of study and thought about the Bible and the Church. Systematic study is important both for creating interest and fixing knowledge. Christian character and church loyalty are grounded in knowledge. The best religious experience is the outgrowth of

clear convictions; and such experience stays, and leads to fruitful activity.

These outlines, extended through a series of terms of teaching meetings, will greatly aid in this work and to wholesome results. I know, by trying the experiment in many appointments, that this is true.

B. T. VINCENT.

INTRODUCTION.

To Parents, Pastors, and Teachers:—

There was a time when busy men and women in the "struggle for bread" could know nothing of the arts and sciences because the theory of education involved knowing every thing or nothing. Now "Science Primers" are a benediction in the shop, the kitchen, the store, the nursery, and the field. People can get outlines of truth within the grasp of their capacity, and panoramas of events not too large for them to look at. Chief among these provisions is the system of Bible study of which the "NORMAL DEPARTMENT" of our Sunday-School Union and the Chautauqua Assembly scheme are worthy exponents. By moderate effort the humblest student can get much Bible knowledge: as to its construction, evidences, interpretation, geography, biography, history, and doctrine. Blest in this general and healthful understanding of the word and its mission, he is blest more by the inspiration it gives to farther research.

This litttle book seeks to bring like opportunities to the CHILDREN. It pro-

vides for them brief outlines of what is written in the Bible, that they may, by taking these first steps, have new interest in the Book and quickened desires after more of its knowledge. With this view the following pages will be appreciated. They must not be supposed to be alone, nor even in any large sense, for use at Chautauqua. Children's classes ("Little People's Meetings" we like to call them) ought to be formed in every pastoral charge, to meet on Saturday afternoons, under the direction of the pastor or some other competent person. With maps, blackboard, blocks, papers, pictures, etc., with the aid of singing, manual drills, marches, and other entertaining accompaniments, there will be interest and profit; and right marvelously will the little folks of our Churches possess themselves of the text, the facts, and the truth of the word. Thus will there be strength in the beginnings; and the Church of the future will not be limited in its Bible knowledge to mere outlines. Nor will it, as now, need the constant call to the duty of study. It will love the rich and strong food upon which it began its growth.

BIBLE STUDIES.

Section First.—Bible Words.

Three verses—First, Least, and Last.

Gen. i, 1; John xi, 35; Rev. xxii, 21.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Jesus wept.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

Three verses on Light.

Gen. i, 3; John viii, 12; 2 Cor. iv, 6.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Three verses on Childhood.

Eccles. xii, 1; Mark x, 14; Col. iii, 20.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Three verses on Christ.

Isa. liii, 5; Luke xxiii, 33; 1 John i, 7.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Three verses on the Holy Spirit.

John xiv, 26; John xx, 22; Rom. viii, 26.

But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Three verses on the Church.

Matt. xvi, 18; Eph. v, 27; 1 Tim. iii, 15.

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thy-

self in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Three verses on the Future.

Gal. vi, 8; Rom. vi, 23; Matt. xxv, 46.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Three verses on the Work of the Church.

Matt. xxviii, 18, 19, 20.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Three verses on Temperance.

Prov. xx, 1; Eccles. x, 17; Eph. v, 18.

Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

Three verses on Benevolence.

Psalm xli, 1; Prov. xxviii, 27; 2 Cor. ix, 7.

Blessed *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes *shall have* many a curse.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give;* not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Three Statements of the Law.

Ex. xx, 3–17; Matt. xxii, 37–39; Heb. viii, 10, 11.

By the mouth of Moses:—

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbor's.

By the mouth of Jesus:—

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

By the mouth of Paul:-

For this *is* the covenant that I will

make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Three Statements of the Gospel.

Isa. xi, 1–6; John iii, 14–18; Rev. vii, 9–17.

About its Author:—

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the

meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

About its Plan:—

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is

condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

About its Result:—

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they

which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Three Choice Psalms.

The First; the Twenty-third; the One Hundredth.

A Psalm of Duty:—

Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not

wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A Psalm of Guidance:—

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow

me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A Psalm of Praise :—

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness : come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he *is* God : *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves ; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

For the LORD *is* good ; his mercy *is* everlasting ; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

Three Clusters of Blessings.

Deut. xxviii, 1–8 ; Matt. v, 1–12 ; Rev. xiv, 12, 13.

In Possessions :—

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth :

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy store-houses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

In Character:—

And seeing the multitudes, **he went up**

into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so

persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

In Death:—

Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Section Second.—Bible History.

Period First. From Adam to Enoch, 1,000 Years.

Persons.

Adam, Eve,

Cain, Abel,

Seth, Enoch.

Events.

1. The creation of the world and man.
2. The disobedience and fall of man.
3. The first murder.

The Story.

In the beginning God created the world and man. The first man was called ADAM, who with his wife, EVE, was placed in a beautiful garden in Eden, which was in Asia, between the Black Sea and the Persian Gulf. Because of their disobedience they were driven out of the garden. Of their sons CAIN, the eldest, in jealous anger, killed ABEL, his younger brother. SETH, the third son, was the father of ENOS, and the grandfather of CAINAN. MAHALALEEL was the son of CAINAN; the son of MAHALALEEL was JARED, the father of ENOCH, of whom PAUL said, "By faith ENOCH was translated, that he should not see death."

The Hymn.

Father, how wide thy glory shines,
How high thy wonders rise!
Known through the earth by thousand signs,
By thousands through the skies.

Those mighty orbs proclaim thy power
  Their motions speak thy skill:
And on the wings of every hour
  We read thy patience still.

Part of thy Name divinely stands,
  On all thy creatures writ;
They show the labor of thy hands,
  Or impress of thy feet:

But when we view thy strange design
  To save rebellious worms,
Where vengeance and compassion join
  In their divinest forms:

Here the whole Deity is known,
  Nor dares a creature guess
Which of the glories brighter shone,
  The justice or the grace.

Period Second. From Enoch to Abram, 1,000 Years.

Persons.

Methuselah,

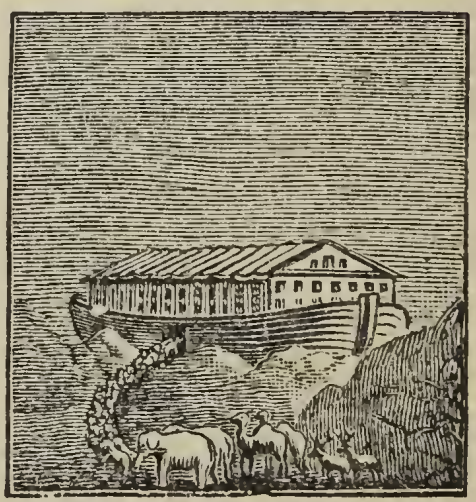
Lamech,

Noah,

Shem,

Ham,

Japheth.



Events.

1. The world's great wickedness.
2. The great flood.
3. The rainbow in the cloud.

The Story.

METHUSELAH, the son of Enoch, was "the oldest man." He was the father of LAMECH, and the grandfather of NOAH. At this time the wickedness of man was so great that God sent a flood to destroy the earth. NOAH and his WIFE, and their sons—SHEM, HAM, and JAPHETH—and their WIVES, were saved by means of an ark, which the Lord had commanded them to build. It was five hundred feet long, eighty feet wide, and fifty feet high. After the flood, which lasted about a year, the ark rested on the mountains of **Ararat**, near the **Black Sea**. The Lord then made the rainbow a sign that the world should not again be destroyed by water. After this the **City** and **Tower of Babel** were built, and also the **City of Nineveh**. Toward the end of this period ABRAM was born in **Ur of the Chaldees**.

The Hymn.

Salvation ! O the joyful sound !
What pleasure to our ears ;
A sov'reign balm for every wound,
A cordial for our fears.

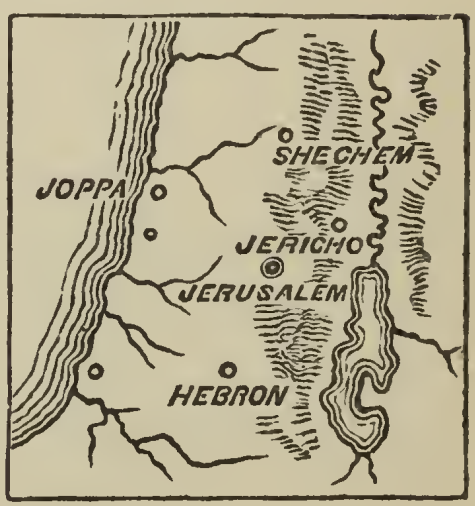
Salvation ! let the echo fly
The spacious earth around,
While all the armies of the sky
Conspire to raise the sound.

Salvation ! O thou bleeding Lamb !
To thee the praise belongs :
Salvation shall inspire our hearts,
And dwell upon our tongues.

PERIOD THIRD. FROM ABRAM TO SOLOMON, 1,000 YEARS.

Persons.

ABRAM,
ISAAC,
JACOB,
JOSEPH,
MOSES,
JOSHUA,
FIFTEEN JUDGES.
RUTH,
THREE KINGS.



Events.

1. Abram called and directed to the land.

2. Jacob and his family leaving the land.

3. The Israelites returning to, taking, and dwelling in the land.

The Story.

ABRAM was called by the LORD to go down into Canaan; this he did, taking with him SARAH, his wife, and LOT, his nephew. His favorite son was ISAAC, whom he offered a sacrifice on Mount Moriah, but whose life the Lord saved, after testing the faith of the obedient father. JACOB was the chosen son of ISAAC; he was afterward called ISRAEL. He had twelve sons: REUBEN, SIMEON, LEVI, JUDAH, DAN, GAD, NAPHTALI, ASHER, ISSACHER, ZEBULON, JOSEPH, and BENJAMIN. Through the jealous cruelty of some of these brothers JOSEPH was sold into Egypt, where, after having been a slave and a prisoner, he became ruler over all the land. Having, during a famine, brought his father and brothers and their families into Egypt, they became a great nation, and were called the ISRAELITES. JOSEPH having died, one of the later kings of Egypt

greatly oppressed the **Israelites**, and MOSES was raised up to deliver them. He, with AARON his brother, led the people out of **Egypt** and through the **wilderness** toward **Canaan**. They received the Ten Commandments and the plan of the tabernacle at **Mount Sinai**. On **Mount Pisgah** MOSES died, and JOSHUA led the people into the land of **Canaan**, taking possession of it by the miraculous help of GOD. After the death of JOSHUA fifteen JUDGES ruled the people, among whom were GIDEON, SAMSON, ELI, and SAMUEL. After the JUDGES three KINGS governed the land. They were SAUL, the tall king; DAVID, the shepherd, who killed the giant; and SOLOMON, the wise man, who built the temple at **Jerusalem**.

The Hymn.

There is a land of pure delight,
  Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
  And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,
  And never-with'ring flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
  This heavenly land from ours.

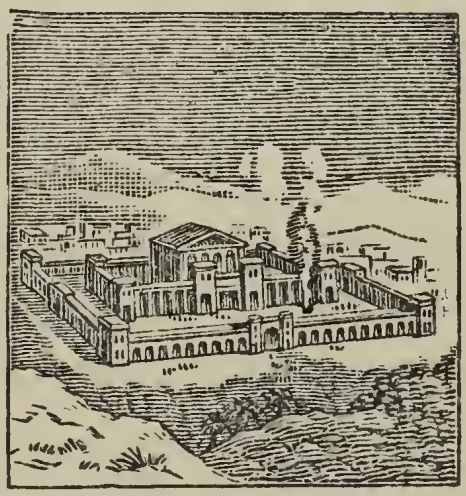
Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood
Stand dressed in living green;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan rolled between.

Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

PERIOD FOURTH. FROM SOLOMON TO CHRIST, 1,000 YEARS.

Persons.

SOLOMON,
NINETEEN KINGS,
TWENTY KINGS,
THREE HEBREW CHILDREN,
DANIEL,
ESTHER,
ZERUBBABEL,
EZRA,
NEHEMIAH.



Events.

1. The dedication of the Temple.
2. The division of the kingdom.
3. The captivities of the Israelites and Jews.

The Story.

After dedicating the Temple, SOLOMON died; and the kingdom was divided, by

the rebellion of ten of the tribes, into the two kingdoms of **Judah** and **Israel.** Over the first REHOBOAM was king, and over the second JEROBOAM ruled. TWENTY KINGS reigned, one after another, over **Judah,** and nineteen over **Israel.** After many years the people of both kingdoms were carried into captivity, and the beautiful Temple was destroyed. Among the captives were DANIEL and the three Hebrew children—SHADRACH, MESHACH, and ABED-NEGO—who stood firm in the faith amid great trial. ESTHER, the beautiful queen, was a Jewish captive. Some of the people of the kingdom of **Judah** were afterward allowed to return to their own land and rebuild their Temple, under the direction of ZERUBBABEL, EZRA, and NEHEMIAH. After many years of trouble the **Holy Land** was occupied by the ROMANS. HEROD was king of Judea when CHRIST was born in **Bethlehem.**

The Hymn.

I love thy kingdom, Lord,—
The house of thine abode,—
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

I love thy Church, O God!
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.

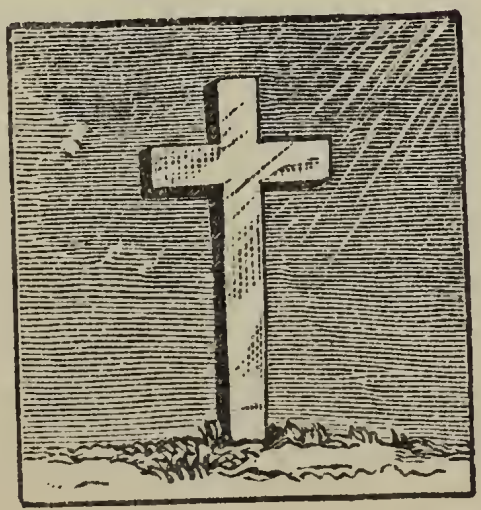
Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways;
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

PERIOD FIFTH. FROM CHRIST TO ST. JOHN, 100 YEARS.

Persons.

HEROD,
THE WISE MEN,
JOHN BAPTIST,
MARY,
CHRIST,
TWELVE DISCIPLES,
PAUL,
TIMOTHY,
LUKE.



Events.

1. The wonderful birth, life, death, res urrection, and ascension.

2. The coming of the Holy Spirit.

3. The preaching of the Gospel, and organization of the Church.

The Story.

The last and shortest period gives the grandest history. JESUS CHRIST, the Son of God, who was born in **Bethlehem**, lived a beautiful life of obedience at **Nazareth** until he was thirty years old, when he began to do his great work of preaching and healing. He called twelve men to be his disciples; they were PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, JOHN, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW, THOMAS, JAMES THE LESS, SIMON, JUDE, and JUDAS. At the end of three years JESUS was betrayed by JUDAS, and crucified at **Calvary**; he arose from the dead and ascended into heaven. After his ascension the HOLY SPIRIT was poured out upon his DISCIPLES, and they became mighty preachers of the Gospel. MATTHIAS was selected as one of the twelve, in place of **Judas**, the traitor, and **Paul** was specially called

of the LORD JESUS to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. ST. JOHN, the beloved disciple, wrote the last book of the Bible. Thus ends the sacred story.

The Hymn.

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Section Third.—Bible Geography.

I. THE HOLY LAND.

1. *Other names:* Canaan, Palestine, Promised Land.
2. *Distance from New York:* 6,000 miles.

3. *Size:* 180 miles long, 40 wide at the north, and 90 at the south.

4. *Four Principal Waters:* Mediterranean Sea, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan.

5. *Six Principal Mountains:*
   Hermon and Lebanon, the highest mountains;
   Ebal and Gerizim, the twin mountains;
   Carmel and Olivet, the mountains of prayer and victory.

6. *Six Principal Towns and Cities:*
   Bethlehem, where Jesus was born;
   Nazareth and Capernaum, where he he lived;
   Cana, where he performed his first miracle;
   Jerusalem, where he was crucified;
   Nain, where he interrupted a funeral procession.

II. Bible Lands.

1. *Ten Countries:* Armenia, Mesopotamia, Babylonia, Assyria, Canaan, Egypt, Asia Minor, Greece, Italy, Arabia.

2. *Seven Bodies of Water:* Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Caspian Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee.
3. *Four Rivers:* Tigris, Euphrates, Jordan, Nile.
4. *Six Mountains:* Ararat, Hermon, Lebanon, Pisgah, Hor, Sinai.
5. *Ten Cities*: Nineveh, Babylon, Damascus, Jerusalem, On, Tarsus, Ephesus, Athens, Corinth, Rome.
6. *Four Islands:* Cyprus, Crete, Melita, Sicily.

III. PRINCIPAL SCRIPTURE JOURNEYS.

1. *Of Abraham:*
    1. Ur to Haran;
    2. Haran to Egypt;
    3. Egypt to Bethel;
    4. Bethel to Hebron;
    5. Hebron to Gerar and Beer-sheba.
2. *Of the Israelites:*
    1. Egypt to Mount Sinai;
    2. Mount Sinai to Kadesh-barnea;
    3. Kadesh-barnea, wandering through the wilderness thirty-eight years, and return to Kadesh;
    4. Kadesh-barnea to Canaan.

3. *Of the Captives:*
   1. Of Israel, the northern kingdom, from Canaan to Assyria, (captured and taken away by Tiglath-pilneser, Shalmaneser, and Sargon.)
   2. Of Judah, the southern kingdom: 1.) From Canaan to Babylon, (captured and taken away by Nebuchadnezzar.) 2.) From Babylon to Canaan, (returning by permission of Cyrus, and led by Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah.)

4. *Of Jesus:*
   1. Bethlehem to Jerusalem, and return;
   2. Bethlehem to Egypt, and thence to Nazareth;
   3. Nazareth to Jerusalem, and return;
   4. Nazareth to the Jordan, the wilderness, the Temple, the high mountain, and return;
   5. Nazareth, by way of Cana and Capernaum, to Jerusalem, and return, through Sychar and Nazareth, to Capernaum, where he afterward lived:

6. Nine journeys from Capernaum, and return;
7. Galilee to Jerusalem;
8. Jerusalem to cities round about, and return;
9. After his resurrection, to Galilee and Olivet.

5. *Of Paul:*

1. Damascus to Arabia, Jerusalem, Cesarea, Tarsus, and Antioch;
2. Antioch, through Cyprus and parts of Asia Minor, and return;
3. Antioch to Jerusalem, and return;
4. Antioch, through Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece, and Palestine, and return;
5. Antioch, through Asia Minor, Macedonia, Illyricum, and Greece, and by Cesarea to Jerusalem;
6. Jerusalem, by way of Crete, Melita, and Sicily, to Rome.

Section Fourth.—Bible Doctrines.

I. God.

An Uncreated Spirit. Ex. iii, 14.

Every-where present. Psa. cxxxix, 7-10.

All-wise. Rom. xi, 33.

Almighty. Rev. xix, 6.

Eternal. Psa. xc, 2.
Holy. Psa. cxlv, 17.
Merciful. Jas. v, 11.
Just. Psa. lxxxix, 14.
True. Psa. c, 5.

"GOD IS LOVE."
1 John iv, 8.

He is

FATHER:	SON:	HOLY GHOST:
Eph. iv, 6.	Isa. ix, 6.	John xiv, 26.

Also,

Creator:	*Upholder:*
Rev. iv, 11.	1 Chron. xxix, 12.

II. MAN.

Body: Material and mortal.
Genesis iii, 19.
Soul: Spiritual and immortal.
Job xxxiii, 4.

His

Authority:	*Home:*	*Duty:*
Dominion.	Eden.	Obedience.
Gen. i, 26.	Gen. ii, 8.	Gen. ii, 16, 17.

He

Was tempted by the devil. Gen. iii, 4, 5.
Fell into sin and misery. Gen. iii, 17–19.
Was driven out of Eden. Gen. iii, 23, 24.
Injured all his posterity. Rom. v, 12.

III. God-Man.

God loved the world; gave his only begotten *Son.* 1 John iv, 19.

He

Came in the *flesh.* John i, 14.
Lived for an *example.* 1 Peter ii, 21–23.
Died to make *atonement.* 1 Peter ii, 24.
Rose for our *justification.* Rom. iv, 24, 25.
Ascended to make *intercession.* 1 John ii, 1.

IV. Salvation.

For

Infants, unconditionally. Mark x, 13-16.
Believers, by repentance and faith. Acts iii, 19.

Through

Justification, pardon for Christ's sake. Rom. iii, 24.
Regeneration, new birth of the soul. 2 Cor. v, 17.
Sanctification, holiness by divine grace. 1 Thes. v, 23.

V. The Church.

Invisible, all God's people. John x, 14-16.
Visible, a congregation of the faithful. Acts ii, 41, 42.

Organized for

Preaching and Teaching the Word. Eph. iv, 11, 12.

Administering the Sacraments. Matt. xxviii, 19; 1 Cor. xi, 23–26.

The Sacraments are

Baptism with water, sign of new birth. Acts ii, 38.

Lord's Supper, with bread and wine, as symbols of Christ's body and blood. 1 Cor. x, 16.

VI. The Bible.

Old Testament.	*New Testament.*
Acts xvii, 11.	2 Cor. iii, 6–9.

A revelation of

Divine Truth.	*God's Will.*
Psa. xix, 7–11.	2 Peter i, 19–21.

The only rule of

Faith.	*Practice.*
2 Tim. iii, 15.	James i, 22–25.

VII. Prayer.

Our desires offered up

To God.	*Through Christ.*
Psa. lxii, 8.	John xvi, 23.

With

Confession.	*Thanksgiving.*	*Faith.*
Dan. ix, 4.	Col. iv, 2.	James i, 5, 6.

In

Church.	*Families.*	*Closets.*
Psa. cxxii.	Jer. x, 25.	Matt. vi, 6.

VIII. Law.

The Ten Commandments. Ex. xx, 3–17.
The Law of Love. Matt. xxii, 37–40.
The Golden Rule. Matt. vii, 12.

IX. The Future.

Death.	*Resurrection.*	*Judgment.*
James iv, 14.	John v, 28, 29.	2 Cor. v, 10.

Christ the Judge.

Matthew xxv, 31–46.

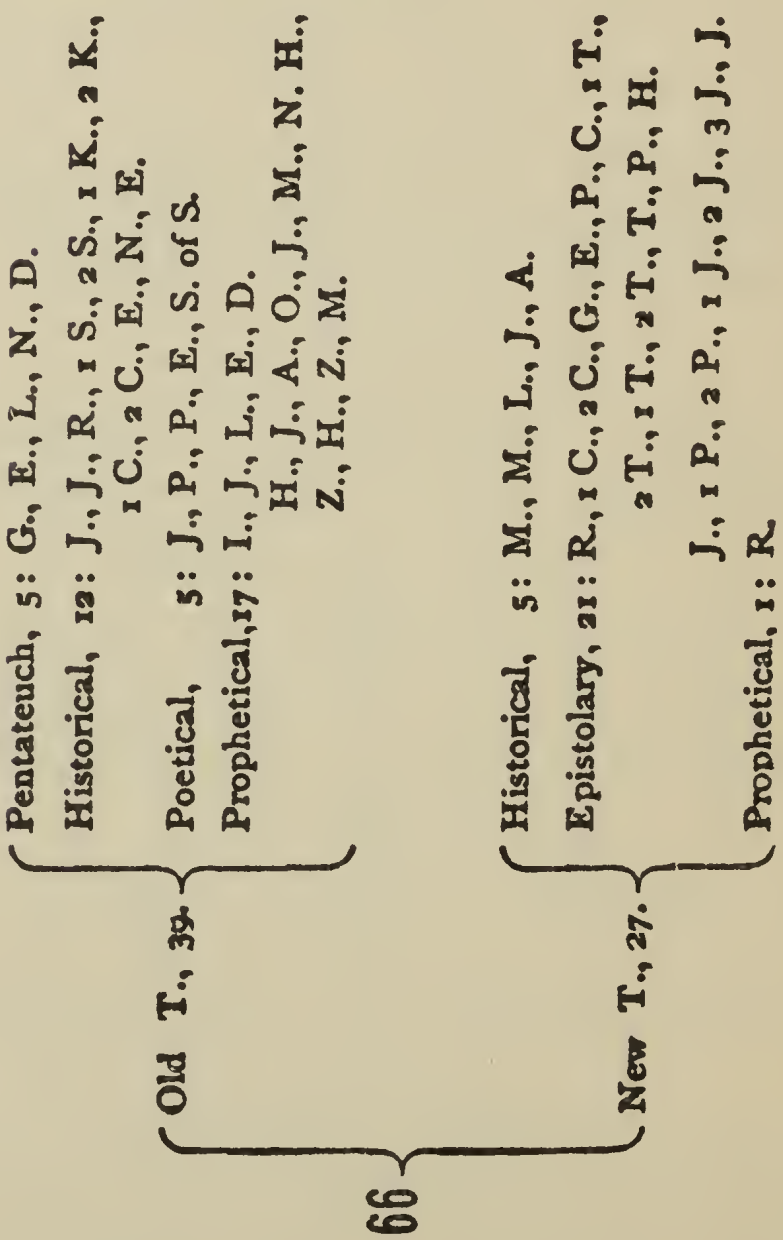
Right Hand.	*Left Hand.*
To the Good,	To the Bad,
"Come,"	"Depart,"
"Life Eternal."	"Everlasting Punishment."

Note to Teachers.—These outlines of our Church Catechism are within the reach of all pupils. A little skill in teaching them will put an easily remembered frame-work of our excellent system of doctrine into the minds of all students. By this help the Catechism itself will be made more attractive and useful.

Section Fifth.—Bible Construction.

1. *Six Names of the Book*: Bible, Scriptures, Word, Oracles, Law, Testaments.

2. *Books of the Book*:—



3. *Sources of the Book:*
   1. Inspired by the Holy Ghost.
   2. Written in Hebrew and Greek, by about forty holy men.
   3. Translated into English, under the authority of King James I., of England, in 1611.

Section Sixth.—Bible Study.

1. ITS OBJECT.

That we may receive "doctrine," "reproof," "correction," "instruction in righteousness."

That we may become "perfect,' "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

2. ITS MODE.

Reading the Bible regularly through.

Committing to memory at least one verse every day.

Learning about its people and its lands; the doctrines it contains, and the duties it enjoins.

3. ITS HELPS.

Helpful Feelings: Reverence, humility, prayerfulness, obedience.

Helpful Associations: A religious home. Always follow, in your own Bible, the reading at family worship; ask help of others, as well as give help to others, in daily study. All Church services. Always take your own Bible to all the meetings, and look out texts, lessons, references, etc.

Helpful Books: A Concordance, or "Text-book," a Bible Dictionary, a Bible Atlas.

General Outline for Review.

1. *Words.*
   - Thirty miscellaneous Scripture verses.
   - Three statements each of the Law and the Gospel.
   - Three, each, choice Psalms and clusters of blessings.

2. *History.*
   1. Gar. A. 1,000 E. Per.: A. E. C. A. S. E. Ev. Cr. Dis. Mur.
   2. Ar. E. 1,000 A. Per.: M. L. N. S. H. J. Ev. Wic. Fl. Ra.
   3. La. A. 1,000 S. Per.: A. I. J J M. J. 15, R. 3. Ev. Ca. Le. Ret.
   4. Tem. S. 1,000 C. Per.: S. 19, 20, 3 D. E. Z. E. N. Ev. Ded. Div. Cap.
   5. Cr. C. 100 J. Per.: H.W. J M. C. 12, P. T. L. Ev. Won. H. S. Pr.

3. *Geography.*
- *Holy Land:* 4 N. D. S. 4 W. 6 M. 6 T. and C.
- *Bible Land:* 10 C. 7 W. 4 R. 6 M. 10 C. 4 I.
- *Prin. Journeys:* A. 5, I. 4, C. 17, P. 6.

4. *Doctrines.*
1. *God:* Char., Pers., Acts.
2. *Man:* B., S.,—A., H., D.,—4 Facts.
3. *God-Man:* Love;—C., L., D., R., A.
4. *Salvation:* I., B.—J., R., S.
5. *The Church:* Inv., Vis.,—W., S.
6. *The Bible:* O., N.,—T., W.,—F., P.
7. *Prayer:* Des.,—C., T., F.,—C., F., C.
8. *Law:* 10 C., Lov., G.-R.
9. *The Future:* D., R., J.,—R., L.

5. *Construction.*
- *Names.* B. S. W. O. L. T.
- *Books.* 66. 39: P. 5, H. 12, P. 5, P. 17. 27: H. 5, E. 21, P. 1
- *Sources.* Insp. H. S., Wr. 40, Tr. J. I., 1611.

6. *Study.*
- *Object.* Refer to 2 Timothy iii. 16, 17.
- *Mode.* Reading. . . . Com. . . . L. abt. P., L., D., D.
- *Helps.* Feelings, Associations, Books.

QUESTIONS.

Section I.

1. Name the subjects on which there are selections of three verses each.

2. Repeat the verses.

3. By whom are the three statements of the law?

4. Repeat them.

5. What are the three statements of the Gospel?

6. What are the subjects of the three choice Psalms?

7. Repeat them.

8. What are the three clusters of blessings?

9. Who wrote the Ten Commandments?

10. From whom did Paul quote his statement of the law?

Section II.

1. Into how many periods do we divide Bible history?

2. Name the persons whose lives make this division.

3. How long are these periods?

4. What are pictures which illustrate the main facts of the five periods?

5. Tell the story of each period in your own language.

6. Name the persons of each period.

7. What are the events?

8. Repeat the period hymns.

9. Name the first, the oldest, the wisest, the bravest, and the best man of the Bible, finding them in the five periods in the order in which they are called for.

10. What great name belongs to all periods?

Section III.

1. Name the principal Bible countries.

2. The principal seas and rivers among them.

3. The most prominent mountains.

4. The chief cities and towns.

5. Which is the most sacred country?

6. How far is it from New York?

7. Give several of its names.

8. How large is it?

9. Trace the journeys of Abram.

10. Of the children of Israel.
11. Of the captive Israelites and Jews
12. Of Jesus the Saviour.
13. Of Paul the apostle.

Section IV.

1. Give an outline of the character, person, and work of God.

2. What can you say of man, as to his creation, his home, his temptation, and his fall?

3. Who was the God-man, and why and how did he come to earth?

4. What became of him?

5. Who are saved by him, and how are they saved?

6. What are the three fruits of salvation?

7. What two definitions of the Church are given?

8. For what is it organized?

9. Describe the sacraments?

10. Into what two parts is the Bible divided?

11. Of what is it the revelation?

12. And of what the only rule?

13. What is prayer, and where is it to be offered?

14. Recite the Ten Commandments, the Law of Love, and the Golden Rule.

15. What three events are certain to come to all men?

16. Describe the two sides before Christ in the day of judgment.

Section V.

1. Give six names of the Book.

2. How many books are there in the Bible?

3. How many are in each—the Old and New Testament?

4. What different classes of books are there in the Old Testament; and how many books in each class?

5. What classes in the New, and how many books in each?

6. Name all the books in the Bible.

7. By whom was the Book inspired?

8. Who wrote it, and in what languages?

9. Who authorized the translation of the Bible we now use?

10. When was the work done?

Section VI.

1. What must we do to make the Bible useful to us?

2. What are we to receive by its study?

3. What shall we become?

4. Give the modes of studying the Bible.

5. Name the helpful feelings.

6. What associations help us in Bible study?

7. Name three helpful books.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. iii, 15.

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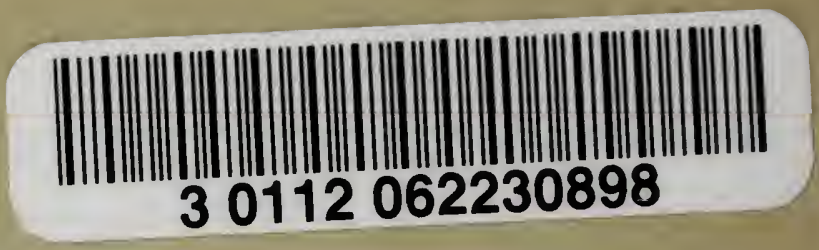
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